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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

(only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	1857.2110000
First Inventor	Florence Luo
Title	Method and System for Active Purging of Pellicle Volumes
Express Mail Label No.	

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 22]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 13]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 6]  
a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)  
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.
7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
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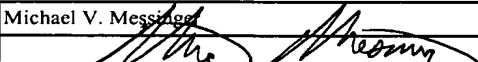
9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Other: Authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)  
☒ Other: The name of the assignee is: ASML Holding N.V.

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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Application Number	to b assigned
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Attorney Docket No.	1857.2110000

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1502	50	2052	25	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
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1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
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1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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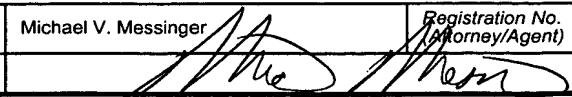
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Indep. Claims 2 - 3\*\* = 0 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Multiple Dependent \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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1204	86	2204	43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No. *to be assigned*; Filed: October 7, 2003  
For: **Method and System for Active Purging of Pellicle Volumes**  
Inventors: Luo *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1857.2110000

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Method and System for Active Purging of Pellicle Volumes**

and naming as inventors:

Florence Luo;  
Herman Vogel;  
George H. Harrold; and  
Nicolaas ten Kate

the application consisting of:

- a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
  - b. An original Declaration executed by Florence Luo, Herman Vogel, and George Hilary Harrold;
  - c. A copy of an original Declaration executed by Nicolaas ten Kate;
  - d. A specification containing:
    - i. 16 pages of description prior to the claims;
    - ii. 5 pages of claims (33 claims - 2 independent claims);
    - iii. a one (1) page abstract; and
  - e. 13 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-2, 3A-C, 4A-B, 5A-B, 6, 7A-B and 8);
4. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
  5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
  6. An original Assignment executed by Florence Luo, Herman Vogel, and George Hilary Harrold; to ASML Holding N.V., recordation of which is hereby respectfully requested;
  7. A copy of an original Assignment executed by Nicolaas ten Kate; to ASML Holding N.V., recordation of which is hereby respectfully requested;
  8. A Preliminary Amendment;
  9. Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$ 1,044.00 to cover:
    - \$ 770.00 Filing fee for patent application;
    - \$ 40.00 Assignment recordation fee(s); and
    - \$ 234.00 Fee for excess claims; and
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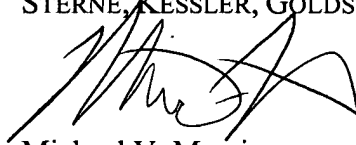
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Respectfully submitted,

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